

Henry's Freedom Box

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1. Henry Brown and his family were slaves. When his master became ill, what happened to Henry?
Henry was given to his master's son to work in the tobacco factory.
2. What did the boss do to the workers at the tobacco factory if they made a mistake?
The boss beat them.
3. When Henry met another slave, Nancy, in town, what did he feel like doing?
Henry fell in love with Nancy and he felt like singing. Slaves weren't allowed to sing so he hummed instead.
4. Nancy and Henry got married and had children. What happened to Nancy and the children when her master lost a lot of money?
Henry and Nancy had many different masters. When her master lost a lot of money, Nancy and the children were sold in the slave market.
5. After losing his family, Henry thought about being free. What was Henry's idea to get freedom?
Henry would get into a crate and mail himself to a place where there were no slaves. (North)
6. Who helped Henry with his idea to get freedom?
Henry was helped by his friend James and Dr. White, a white man who thought slavery was wrong.
7. Where did Henry get shipped to?
Philadelphia, PA
8. What excuse did Henry have to get out of work?
Henry poured oil of vitriol on his hand which burned it to the bone. Dr. Smith bandaged it and Henry had to stay home.
9. How did the crate with Henry inside it travel to Philadelphia?
By train, then river boat, then train again. He was turned upside down for a long time.
10. Since slaves were not allowed to have birthdays, how did Henry get one?
Henry chose the day he got his freedom in Philadelphia for his birthday.
11. What was Henry's new nickname?
Henry "BOX" Brown
12. What was the secret way that slaves got to freedom in the North?
The Underground Railroad